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AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE

INFO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP

SUBJECT: PRIVATE VISIT OF JOSEPHINE BONGO, WIFE OF

PRESIDENT OF GABON

REF: STATE 223321

1. WITH DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE, WOULD RECOMMEND THAT AMEMBASSY PARIS TAKE INITIATIVE IN CONTACTING PRESIDENT BONGO AND STATE THAT IT HAD BEEN INFORMED OF CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY MADAME BONGO AND WISHED TO EXPLAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. MAIN POINT TO STRESS WOULD SEEM TO BE THAT PROBLEMS COULD HAVE BEEN OBIATED IF MADAME BONGO HAD GIVEN DEPARTMENT ADEQUATE ADVANCE INFORMATION ON HER TRIP.

2. BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE THAT AMEMBASSY PARIS TAKE INITIATIVE AS IT QUITE POSSIBLE THAT BONGO WILL NOT ASK FOR AN EXPLANATION AND THAT HIS RESENTMENT WILL MERELY SMOLDER AND PERHAPS BE VENTED AT SOME LATER TIME. ON OTHER HAND, IF EMBASSY PARIS TAKES THE INITIATIVE, THERE IS GOOD CHANCE THAT MATTER CAN BE SET RIGHT IMMEDIATELY OR AT LEAST DAMAGE MINIMIZED.

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